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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK AHEAD"

December

- 6** **Open Poetry Readings** will be held at the Dudley House, 895 7th Street, Charleston, beginning at 7:30 p.m. EIU students, faculty, staff and members of the Charleston community are invited to share their own poetry or their favorite poems by other writers. For more information, call Carol Schmudde at 581-6309.
- 7** **Distance Learning Workshop** on "Customer Service: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" will be offered at EIU and Effingham and Mattoon high schools from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$15. To register or for more information, call EIU's Business Development Center at 581-2913.

Decorations for the annual EIU/Community Holiday Party will be put up in Old Main throughout the day, beginning at 8 a.m. The holiday

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party, open to EIU faculty, staff, students and community members, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Decorations will include a 22-foot Christmas tree. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by EIU's music department. For more information, call the EIU special events office at 581-6892.

- 8 **The EIU Community Orchestra**, directed by Donald Tracy, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the EIU music department at 581-3010.

- 10 **EIU Fall Commencement** will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium on the EIU campus. More than 650 graduates are participating in the ceremonies. Actress Lucina Gabbard, who appeared in the Broadway production of *Grapes of Wrath*, which won the 1990 Tony Award for Best Play, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from EIU at the 10 a.m. ceremony. For more information, call the EIU commencement office at 581-6892.

Performance by comedian Linda Smith at 8 p.m. in the University Union Rathskeller. Smith has appeared on "Comic Strip Live," "MTV Half-Hour

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Comedy Hour," "The Comedy Connection" and "Catch a Rising Star."

Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$1 for students, senior citizens and children under 12; and \$3 for adults. For more information, call the University Board at 581-5117.

11 EIU Christmas Concert with performances by the EIU Concert

Choir, directed by Robert Snyder, and the Music Theater, directed by Jerry Daniels, at 3 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. There is an admission charge. For more information, call the EIU music department at 581-3010.